

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2005, in which a three (3) month Shortened Statutory Period for Response has been set, due to expire May 24, 2005. Enclosed is our check to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time, to June 24, 2005. Thirty-two (32) claims, including two (2) independent claims, were paid for in the application. Claims 1-32 have been canceled. New claims 33-61 have been added. No new matter has been added to the application. No fee for additional claims is due by way of this Amendment. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090. Claims 33-61 are pending.

Objections

Claims 2-29 and 31-32 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 2-29 and 31-32 are hereby canceled.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention. Claims 1-30 are hereby canceled.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-30 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,816,755 to Habibi et al. Claims 1-30 are hereby canceled.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application and timely allow all pending claims. Examiner Marc is

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encouraged to contact Mr. Abramonte by telephone to discuss the above and any other distinctions between the claims and the applied references, if desired. If the Examiner notes any informalities in the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Mr. Abramonte by telephone to expediently correct such informalities.

Respectfully submitted,

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